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DEBATE ON SA

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1. APRIL 14 DCM PRESENTED DIPLOMATIC NOTE EMBODYING POINTS
REFTEL A ON NAMIBIA DEMARCHE TO AMBASSADOR NKWETTA ZAA, FOREIGN
MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. PRESENTATION
MADE IN CONTEXT OF SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON SOUTH AFRICA
(REFTEL B) AND CURRENT VISIT BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN
(REFTEL C) TO INDICATE THAT USG ATTEMPTING BE SUPPORTIVE IN
TAKING ACTION ON ALL THREE SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS OF
CONCERN GURC.
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2. NKWETTA SAID HE WAS ENCOURAGED THAT USG FINALLY AT THIS LATE
STAGE TAKING ACTIONS RESOLVE THESE OUTSTANDING MATTERS. HE
HOPED THAT FIVE POWER APPROACH TO SOUTH AFRICA ON NAMIBIA WOULD
YIELD RESULTS AND WAS PLEASED THAT OUR DEMARCHE INDICATED
REJECTION TURNHALLE CONSTITUTION AND SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION
385 TO BE USED BASIS FOR NEGOTIATING NAMIBIA SETTLEMENT.

3. NKWETTA FOCUSED ESPECIALLY ON CURRENT OWEN MISSION AND SAID THAT IT WAS RHODESIAN PROBLEM WHICH REQUIRED IMMEDIATE ATTENTION AS GURC DID NOT WISH TO SEE ADDITIONAL LIVES AND VALUABLE RESOURCES WASTED. HE SAID PROBLEM WOULD NOT BE WITH BISHOP MUZEREWA, BUT WITH ROBERT NGUABE IN TERMS OF GETTING PEOPLE TO CONFERENCE TABLE AND THEN OBTAINING AGREEMENT ON PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED TO ACHIEVE MAJORITY RULE. IN SHORT, ALTHOUGH TIME EITHER RUNNING OR HAS RUN OUT, GURC CONTINUED SUPPORT ALL EFFORTS OBTAIN PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT.

4. ON QUESTION OF SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, POINTS GIVEN REFTEL B EMPHASIZED. TEXTS CONTAINED REFTELS D AND E WERE FURNISHED AND DIFFERENCES PARAGRAPHS 14-16 POINTED OUT. NKWETTA SAID THAT AFRICAN COUNTRIES THOUGHT THAT THEY HAD MAKE STAND ON PRINCIPLE TO WHICH DCM REPLIED THAT WHILE STANDS ON PRINCIPLE SOMETIMES NECESSARY, WE WERE ATTEMPTING COME UP WITH AGREED UPON TEXT WHICH WOULD NOT BY ITS INVIDIOUS CHARACTER BE REJECTED OUT OF HAND. WE WERE WILLING CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS IN ORDER OBTAIN BROADLY BASED CONSENSUS WHICH WOULD BE RESPONSIVE GURC AND OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES ON SOUTH AFRICAN QUESTION.

5. FYI: OUR DEMARCHE COORDINATED WITH UK, FRENCH, GERMAN AND CANADIAN EMBASSIES. FRENCH AMBASSADOR SAW FOREIGN MINISTER ON 14TH AND GERMAN AMBASSADOR HOPES TO DO SAME 15TH. BRITISH AMBASSADOR SEEING NKWETTA ZAA ON 15TH. CANADIANS HAVE DISCRETIONARY INSTRUCTIONS AND HAVE NOT AS YET DECIDED TO MAKE DEMARCHE. OTHER EMBASSIES FURNISHED OUR NOTE AND WE HAVE RECEIVED IN RETURN FRENCH AIDE-MEMOIRE. COPY BEING POUCHED AF/C APRIL 23 UNLESS
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